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\$77,500 in Yukon High Performance Grants Awarded

WHITEHORSE – High performance athletes and officials are being awarded \$77,500 under the Yukon High Performance Assistance Program, Minister responsible for Sport and Recreation Glenn Hart announced today.

"This funding provides support to Yukon's developing high performance athletes and officials," Hart said. "We are very pleased to increase the funds available for distribution under the High Performance Assistance Program for 2008/09 by an additional \$34,000 from our Yukon Sport for Life funding initiative."

The Yukon High Performance Athlete Assistance Program provides grant assistance to selected Yukon athletes who have demonstrated skills and achievements beyond the territorial level at provincial, national and international events.

Of the 25 athlete applications, 12 applied for gold level funding. A number of high level officials who are striving to upgrade their skills and certifications also submitted applications for funding.

The gold, silver and bronze funding relates to an athlete's performance at a national or international level, a western Canadian level or a provincial level respectively. Performance and demonstrated potential determines funding amounts.

The Yukon High Performance Official Assistance Program provides support for officials to upgrade themselves with training beyond what is available in the Yukon. High level coaches are able to apply for funding through their sport under the Yukon Sport for Life – Coaching Enhancement initiative.

Grants are determined by a jury of members from the sport community and the

Yukon government. Funding is supported by the Yukon Lottery Commission.

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Below: Yukon High Performance Assistance Program Funding

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Yukon High Performance Assistance Program Funding

Applicants receiving funding to assist with their training, competition or upgrading in 2008/09 under the Yukon High Performance Assistance Program:

Athletes:

Name	Sport	Level	Amount
David Greer	Skiing	Gold	7,000
Graham Nishikawa	Skiing	Gold	7,000
Emily Nishikawa	Skiing	Gold	7,000
Alexandra Gabor	Swimming	Gold	7,000
Bronwyn Pasloski	Swimming	Gold	7,000
Danielle Marcotte	Shooting	Gold	5,000
Daniel Sessford	Cycling	Gold	4,500
Jane Bell	Squash	Gold	4,500
Bryn Knight	Skiing	Gold	4,000
Brent Langbakk	Orienteering	Gold	1,000
Colin Abbott	Orienteering	Gold	1,000
Lee Hawkings	Orienteering	Gold	1,000
Janelle Greer	Skiing	Silver	3,000
Michelle Gorczyca	Figure Skating	Silver	1,500
Kevin Caron	Figure Skating	Silver	1,000
Anna Rivard	Gymnastics	Bronze	1,500
Troy Henry	Speed Skating	Bronze	1,500
Nicholas Koltun	Curling	Bronze	500
John Mahoney	Curling	Bronze	500

Thomas Scoffin	Curling	Bronze	500
Mitchell Young	Curling	Bronze	500
Total for athletes			\$ 66,500
Officials:			
Kelly Choy	Badminton		500
Paul Gowdie	Badminton		500
Claude Chabot	Skiing		500
Allan Frostad	Skiing		500
Bonita Rogers	Gymnastics		500
Cynthia Onions	Speed Skating		500
Barry Sugden	Speed Skating		500
Chris Toleman	Squash		500
Joyce Bachli	Table Tennis		500
Total for officials			\$4,500
Provision for international representation			\$6,500
Total for HP Program			\$77,500

